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SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT HORNE PROPOSES IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION OF \$10 MILLION SCHOOL TUTORING FUNDS

PHOENIX (Monday, January 03, 2005). State School Superintendent Tom Horne is proposing immediate distribution of \$10 million of state tutoring funds.

A special State Board of Education meeting has been called for tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. At that meeting, Horne will propose that the Board approve details of a plan to immediately distribute the \$10 million of tutoring funds, so that tutoring can begin immediately for student retakes of the AIMS test to occur in February and April.

Under the plan, each student who still needs to pass one of the AIMS tests would be entitled to \$270 of tutoring funds, to pay for nine hours of tutoring at \$30 per hour. Alternatively, students could select tutoring from an alternative provider, from the list of providers previously approved by the State Board for No Child Left Behind tutoring.

For a teacher to qualify as a tutor under this program, a principal would have to certify that that teacher was “exceptionally well qualified” to tutor in that subject.

If the Board approves this program, schools could make commitments for tutoring to begin immediately, with reimbursement to occur as soon as the tutoring had been completed.

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